



## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2021-0532; Airspace Docket No. 21-ASO-19]**

**RIN 2120-AA66**

**Amendment of Class E Airspace; Chester, SC, Lancaster, SC, Waxhaw, NC, and Lincolnton, NC.**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Chester Catawba Regional Airport, Chester, SC; Lancaster County-McWhirter Field Airport, Lancaster, SC; JAARS-Townsend Airport, Waxhaw, NC; and Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport, Lincolnton, NC. The FAA is making this action as a result of the Charlotte Class B Biennial Review. This action updates the airport names of Chester Catawba Regional Airport, JAARS-Townsend Airport, and Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport. In addition, this action updates the geographic coordinates of Lancaster County-McWhirter Field Airport and Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport to coincide with the FAA's database. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, December 2, 2021. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591; Telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order JO 7400.11F at NARA, email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov) or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the

authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface in Chester, SC; Lancaster, SC; Waxhaw, NC; and Lincolnton, NC, to support IFR operations in the area.

## **History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the *Federal Register* (86 FR 38617, July 22, 2021) for Docket No. FAA-2021-0532 to amend Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at:

Chester Catawba Regional Airport, Chester, SC by increasing the airport radius to 9.0 miles, (previously 7.0 miles). In addition, this action proposed to update the airport's name to Chester Catawba Regional Airport, (previously Chester Municipal Airport).

Lancaster County-McWhirter Field Airport, Lancaster, SC by increasing the airport radius to 8.3 miles, (previously 7.0 miles) and within 4.0 miles each side of the 059° bearing from the airport extending from the

8.3-mile radius to 10.9 miles northeast of the airport. This action proposed to update the geographical coordinates of the Lancaster County-McWhirter Field Airport to coincide with the FAA's database.

JAARS-Townsend Airport, Waxhaw, NC by increasing the airport radius to 9.3 miles, (previously 7 miles). In addition, this action proposed to update the airport name to JAARS-Townsend Airport, (previously Waxhaw, JAARS-Townsend Airport).

Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport, Lincolnton, NC, by increasing the airport radius to 8.5 miles, (previously 6.4 miles). In addition, this action proposed to update the airport name to Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport, (previously Lincolnton, Lincoln County Airport), and update the geographical coordinates of the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport to coincide with the FAA's database.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005, of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

## **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by**

### **Reference**

This document amends FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11F lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic routes, and reporting points.

### **The Rule**

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by amending the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at:

Chester Catawba Regional Airport, Chester, SC by increasing the airport radius to 9.0 miles, (previously 7.0 miles). In addition, this action updates the airport name to Chester Catawba Regional Airport, (previously Chester Municipal Airport).

Lancaster County-McWhirter Field Airport, Lancaster, SC by increasing the airport radius to 8.3 miles, (previously 7.0 miles) and within 4.0 miles each side of the 059° bearing from the airport extending from the 8.3-mile radius to 10.9 miles northeast of the airport. This action also updates the geographical coordinates of the Lancaster County-McWhirter Field Airport to coincide with the FAA's database.

JAARS-Townsend Airport, Waxhaw, NC by increasing the airport radius to 9.3 miles, (previously 7 miles). In addition, this action updates the airport name to JAARS-Townsend Airport, (previously Waxhaw, JAARS-Townsend Airport).

Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport, Lincolnton, NC, by increasing the airport radius to 8.5 miles, (previously 6.4 miles). In addition, this action updates the airport name to Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport, (previously Lincolnton, Lincoln County Airport). This action also updates the geographical coordinates of the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport to coincide with the FAA's database. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It therefore:

- (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
- (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is minimal.

Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

## **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

## **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air)

## **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

### **PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E**

#### **AIRSPACE AREAS;**

#### **AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389

**§71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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**ASO SC E5 Chester, SC [Amended]**  
Chester Catawba Regional Airport, SC  
(lat. 34°47'22"N., long. 81°11'45"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth within a 9.0-mile radius of Chester Catawba Regional Airport.

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**ASO SC E5 Lancaster, SC [Amended]**  
Lancaster County-McWhirter Field Airport, SC  
(lat. 34°43'22"N., long. 80°51'17"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 8.3-mile radius of Lancaster County-McWhirter Field Airport, within 4 miles each side of the 059° bearing from the airport extending from the 8.3-mile radius to 10.9 miles northeast of the airport.

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**ASO NC E5 Waxhaw, NC [Amended]**  
JAARS-Townsend Airport, NC  
(lat. 34°51'50"N., long. 80°44'53"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 9.3-mile radius of JAARS-Townsend Airport.

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**ASO NC E5 Lincolnton, NC [Amended]**

Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional, NC

(lat. 35°28'59"N., long. 81°09'41"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 8.5-mile radius of Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport.

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